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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

1892-3
~~191~~.
(Madurai)

File No. 345

Serial Nos.

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SUBJECT.

Loss of Jewels by theft in the Narayana-
-Swami temple at Srirangapatam & certain
other Madurai temples & recovery of the Value thereof
from the temple Servants.

PREVIOUS REFERENCES. LATER REFERENCES.

Memo

Docket No 5 17 d / 25th July / 90 from the Dy Commr, Mysore Dis.

The facts of the case are as follow:-

On the 2nd July 1886, Tirumalaiengar, the Parapathegar of the temple, submitted in his report to the eAmildar that a theft of silver and gold ornaments had been committed in the temple of Sri Ammanavaru by breaking open the lock of the door.

2. The eAmildar on an inspection of the temple and upon the examination of the several servants

1 of Sri Narasimhaswamy at Seringapatna.

opined that no outsider could have committed theft and attributed the missing of the property to the negligence of the temple servants in the discharge of their legitimate duties and proposed the suspension of all the temple servants, (Vide his report dt. No. 181 d/4th July 8 6) until they trace the property or make good its value. The value of property stolen being Rs 320-6 ans - 3, as per list appended.

3. Mr. Venkatavaradaiengar, the then Sub-Division officer, upon the perusal of depositions of the temple servants and the report of the Amildar

Amildar, directed
-the suspension of the
temple officials, as --
proposed by the Amil-
dar (Vide his order --
dated the 6th July 1886
passed on the report).
After the passing of
this order, the same
officer, upon reconsi-
deration, directed the
Amildar in his D.O.
to him of the same --
date to draw up a --
departmental charge
separately against
each of the officials
and take each indi-
vidual's explanation
underneath the charge
and pass such orders,
as the Amildar thought
proper, instead of sus-
pending the officials
without regular pro-
ceedings

4. The Amildar, in

ead of
out the instructions
given in the D.O., merely
recorded the state-
ments of the officials
and submitted his
report recapitulating
the facts, which he had
already reported, --
with a suffestion that
the Cost of the stolen -
property may be le-
vied from the offici-
als in proportion to
their pay, under the -
authority of an order
issued by the Chief
Commissioner in a
similar case occured
in Vanjaupud tem-
ple

No 191 d - received on
16/7/86

5. Mr Venkataivara-
daiengar returned
the papers to the A-
mildar with instruc-
tions to carry out
his orders already
given.

Order No 209
d/17-7-86

6. The Amil-

The Amildar on receipt of the above order framed charges against each of the officials; recorded what each had to explain and finally decided that each official should pay a certain sum to make good the value of the property lost, in proportion to his responsibility, and submitted the papers with his report to the Sub-Division officer, soliciting orders in the matter.

No. 223 d-28/7/86

7. Mr. Venkatarama Iyengar directed the carrying out of the Amildar's order until it be reversed on appeal or otherwise and to intimate the recovery of the amount.

No. 232 d/30-7-86

Accordingly the Amildar took steps towards the recovery

viduals. Thereupon, Kesavabhatta (Pujari) and Venkatavarada-iengar (Cook) appealed to the Sub-Division officer against the order of the Amildar holding them and other servants of the temple responsible for the value of the articles stolen from the temple on the ground that the Chief Commissioner's letter relied upon by the Amildar applies only to the Nanjan-ud temple.

8. Mr. Venkatavara-dayengar heard the appellants and dismissed the appeal. (Vide his order dated 15th May 1887).

9 On the intimation of this decision to the Amildar, he

6. the Amil-

arapattegar Tirumalaiengar Rs-A-P 25-5-8
Stanika Alasingaraiengar 15-13-11
Shanbogue Tirumaraiengar 25-5-8
anika Tirumalaiengar 29-1-6
Upanaya Ramabhatta 10-9-3
Mamada A. Singriengar 15-13-11
Archick Kesavabhatta 30-6-1
Paracharak Narasimhachar 37-7-7
— Do — Sreenivasaiengar 22-6-4
Sthanick Krishnamachar 5-4-8
Sahasra Namada Amawamy Tirumalaiengar 26-12-6
Nitya Chelumi Sreenivas Iyengar 2-10-3
Tulasi Ranjachar 5-4-8
Adige Venkata Naraiengar 14-4-8
Kaval Hanma 7-13-7
— Do — Setasamiah 7-13-7
— Do — Joji 17-3-4
Mari Hutcha 20-13-1

Total Rs 320-6-3

No 6 d/23-6-87

No 105/dated 19-7-87

recovered the amount from the officials as per particulars shewn in the margin but before he reported the recovery of the amount to the Sub Division officer, Venkat Nara Iengar, the cook and other servants of the temple Complained to the Dewan against the orders and the Dewan directed the matter to be brought for his disposal on his visit to Seringapatna. (Vide Chief Secretary's Hukam to the Amildar

10. The Amildar enclosed this order and solicited instructions for replacing the lost ornaments from the amount recovered from the officials.

11. Mr D. Devaraj Urs

No 544

Docket No 570 d/17-108.

Deputy Commrs.
No 541 d/30th October 89

Iris who was then in the charge of the Sub-Division, directed the Chuildar to await the decision of the Dewan Vr Appeal 1959, Thimma Raiyan, Ramaprathap Iyer, and four others presented a petition to the Sub Division officer, praying for the making of new or removals from the sum received from the officials, & Vr Timmala Char, the then Sub-Division officer, called for the papers from the Taluk and finding the matter still undisposed, addressed the Deputy Commrs to allow the orders of the Dewan.

12 The Dy Commrs, forwarded to this office all the papers connected with the

the case and solicited orders for making the new jewels.

13. In this office Pro: No. 7442-3/471 dated 26th December 189, orders were issued to the Dy Commissioner for making new jewels as proposed and the list of new jewels submitted for Rs 295-0-0 was sanctioned (vide Dewan Bahadur's orders on the Deputy Commr's Docket No 541 dated 30th October 189)

No 3489 d/11-1-90

14. On 11th January 190, the Comptroller requested this office to be informed of the source from which the amount of Rs 295-4-4, being the cost of the said new jewels should be met.

Pro No. 7890-1/513 d 17th January 1890

15. In reply, he was

informed
same should be met
from the sum of Rs-
295 - (being the —
value of the lost jewels
recovered from the-
servants of the tem-
ple.

11. Under the above
circumstances, Sri-
Lakshmanaswamy,
the cook and other two
servants of the temple
appealed to this —
office mainly on the
following grounds: —

(1) The Sub-Divi-
sion officer, French
Rocks, has confirmed
the Tahsildar's deci-
sion without proper
investigation and
careful perusal of
all the records con-
nected with the case.

(2) The Parapa-
thapar, Pavachari,
Ganapar and —

Petns Nos 609 and
2513 dated June 87
and 18th Feby 1889

Sir

The present file of Srapers does not contain any such Muchalikas. It is usual in most of the important temples to get a Muchalika executed by the Archicks or managers and other servants who have jewels &c. in their charge binding themselves responsible for the same. Perhaps the appellants refer to such Muchalikas.

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other principal servants of the temple are responsible for the jewels lost or stolen, according to the Muchalikas executed by them. At the first or Departmental enquiry held by the Amildar into the matter though these officials were ordered to make good the value of the lost or stolen jewels, yet the Amildar (under the authority of the late Chief Commissioner's order passed about the theft of jewels in the temple at Nanjungud about 22 years ago) subjected all the servants of the temple, now in question, to pay proportionately the value of the jewels lost, instead of recovering

recovering
from the servants above
alluded to. This is un-
just.
(3) The late Chief Com-
missioner's aforesaid
order, relating to the
theft in the Nanjan-
pud temple, has no con-
nection whatever to
their Taluk and temple.
In connection with the
theft of Kireeta belong-
ing to Annavaru of
Ranganathaswamy
temple at Seringapat-
na, the late Chief
Commissioner issued
an order in 1852 to
the effect that the value
of the Kireeta lost
should be recovered from
the responsible servants
only. Though a copy
of this order is filed
in the proceedings, no
officer has taken no-
tice of the same.

same.

Under the above grounds they prayed that the entire proceedings connected with the case might be called for, that on perusal of the same, orders might be issued for their exemption from the payment of the value of jewels lost and that the same might be ordered to be paid proportionately from the other principal servants of the Temple according to their responsibility etc.

17. Thereupon, it was ordered by the Dewan Bahadur that the whole proceedings of the case should be called for together with the prescribed precis.

18. Accordingly the Deputy Commissioner

This office No. 6
dated 20th March 90

Commr
forwards the entire
proceedings.

19. The late Chief
Commissioner's Hukum
No. 14 d/8th July 1852
above referred to by
the appellants shews
that the Kireeta of the
Annamanorugudi of
Runganathaswamy
Temple at Seringapa-
tam was lost in 1852,
that the Supdtt of the
late Ashtagram Divn
ordered that the value
thereof should be reco-
vered from all the ser-
vants of the temple, —
that, on refusal of the
said servants to pay
the value of the Kireeta,
all the papers connec-
ted with the case were
forwarded for orders
to the late Chief Com-
missioner's Huzur —
Muzarai Department
with a report to the

the effect that the tem-
ple consists of many
Gudes or branch tem-
ples, and that accord-
ing to the Muchalcas
and previous records,
the servants of each Gu
di or branch temple
should pay the value
of any jewel or article
that may be lost or -
stolen in each of them
and that thereupon -
the Chief Commission
-er ordered that the -
Archick, Paracharik
and other servants of
each Gudi or branch
temple should be held
responsible for the jew-
els etc belonging to -
their Gudi and that
the value of the lost
Kireeta should be re
covered at once from
only the Archick, Pa-
rachark and other
servants of the -
Ammanoru Gudi

20. The
records further shew
that, out of three Ka-
alpars, only one named
Honna was lying down
in the temple on the
night in which the
Jewels were stolen, that
the keys of the door of
the Ammanaru Gudi
were as usual in the
possession of the Para
chark of the Gudi,
that the laxity of the
servants of the temple
was very great, espe-
cially of the Parapa
thegar, Yajamana &
Paracharik, that the
Parapathegar did
not remain in the tem-
ple on that evening
till he saw the doors
locked and sealed,
that the Yajaman
whose duty it was
to get the doors sealed
stated that he gave

gave the seal to the Ka-
valgar to seal the ~
door of the Annamaru
Gudi, that he did not
go and see that the things
were all right, that the
Paracharik locked the
doors and went away
with the keys as usual
without waiting for ~
the yajaman to exa-
mine the locks and to
have the seals put upon
them, that the Amilda's
opinion was that the
theft could not have
been committed by any
outsider or without con-
nivance of the temple
servants, because, only
the valuable jewels &c
were stolen and the less
valuable ones were left
as they were in the tem-
ple and that greater
responsibility of the
temple property lay
on the said principal
servants of the Justi-

Institution,
the first or
al enquiry held by
him, he ordered that
the value of the jewels
lost should be recovered
from all the responsi-
ble servants only in
and that the other ser-
vants, viz, the Cook —
Venkatanarainengar,
Archick Kesavabhata,
Sahasranama Timma-
liengar, Alasingrien-
gar the Staneek, the
musicians, sweeper,
Dobie and other minor
servants should be
exempted from pay-
ment of the proportion-
ate value of the lost
jewels, that in his
second enquiry he
included the cook, the
Archick and Saha-
sranama, greater in
the list of persons that
should pay a propor-
tionate value, that in

in 1879 some jewels were lost in the Ranganathaswami temple at Seringapatam, that in this case the Deputy Commissioner issued an order No. 274 dated 28th July 1879 to the Muzarai officer to the effect that (as per instructions conveyed in the late Chief Commissioner's order No. 1234/37 dated 28th June 1866 in the case of theft of lost jewels in the Narayanpud temple) the value of the lost jewels should be recovered from all the servants of the temple that the Muzarai officer intimated the same orders in his order No. 131 d/2nd Septr. 1879 to the Amildar who carried out the orders

orders accordingly, that under the authority of all the orders quoted above the Amildar passed a decision to the effect that the value of the jewels stolen should be recovered proportionately from all the responsible servants of the temple according to their responsibility and that whereupon Venkatanarainiengár, the cook, and Kesavabhatta, the Archick appealed to the Sub-Dwision officer who confirmed the Amildar's decision on the ground that it was based upon good authority, viz the Chief Commissioner's order No 1234/37 dated 28th June 1866 and the Deputy Commissioner's order of 1879 passed in connection with

with the theft of jewels in the temple of Rungaswamy at Serungapatna in 1879 and that those orders are of more recent date than that of 1852 referred to by the apellants.

21. The Ver papers also shew that only Venkataramiengar, the Cook, is against the payment of the proportionate value of the lost jewels, that Kesavabhat, the Archuck, and Tirumaliengar, the repeater of Sahasranama, have subsequently joined him, that all the other servants have submitted several petitions requesting that early orders might be issued for the making of new jewels out of the amount paid by them, that the said Kesavabhat and

and also Tirumalaiengar have affixed their signatures to those petitions and that the Amildar is of opinion that Venkatanaraniengar's objection is useless and that the value of the lost jewels, viz Rs 320-3 ans-6 recovered from the servants of the temple has been credited to the temple fund under the head "Receipts of temples".

22. In a similar case of theft of jewels in the temple of Agastesw ara Swami at Tirumakudlu, Talkad Taluq [now Tekarsipur Taluq] the late Chief Commissioner directed that the prevailing practice of holding all the temple servants accountable for the property lost should

should be adhered to and ordered that the value of the property lost should be recovered from the servants of the temple proportionately, Vide page 19 of the printed Muzaroi Memo submitted herewith for reference. And

[illegible]

[illegible]

I declare that upon the above facts of the case the servants of the temple are responsible for the loss of the articles. The theft could not have been committed without the

Memo for orders.

of the jewels &c.
on the temple of Narasimha-
swami at Serangapatam.

Value		
8-11-8		Golden jewels: ———
	8-11-8	One golden Tali of two Pagodas weight strung to a silver wire.
264-12-u		Silver jewels gilt with gold & used by the Godess: —
Value		
	51-u-u	One Kireeta (ಕಿರೀಟ) of 2 1/8 seers.
	16-u-u	One Koramba (ಕೊರಂಬ) weighing 5/8 ths seer.
	23-12-u	A pair of Karnapatra (ಕರ್ಣಪತ್ರ) weighing 7/8 ths seer.
	3-u-u	One Kantabharana (ಕಂಠಭರಣ) of 1/8 th seer.
	103-u-u	A pair of Kamalahasta (ಕಮಲಹಸ್ತ) of 4 1/4 seers.
	8-u-u	A girdle (ಕಟಿಸೂತ್ರ) of 1/4 seer.
	37-u-u	A pair of hands, viz, right & left hands, weighing 1 1/2 seers.
	10-u-u	A pair of Chilipee (ಚಿಲಿಪಿಲಿ) of inferior silver, weighing 1925 weight.
	1-u-u	One Boolaku (ಬುಲಾಕು).
	12-u-u	One Talisara (ತಾಳಿಸರ) string to a silver wire.
Total	264-12-u	

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the Par

following were lost:

Value	
3-"-"	One silver right-hand of the
3-"-"	—— do —— left —— do ——
3-9-6	One silver Horamb (ঠাকুর)
1-4-"	A pair of Karnapattra (কর্ণপত্র)
12-4-"	One silver Kireeta (কিরীট) of 12¼ rs' weight.
2-8-"	A golden Besari (বেসরি) set with precious stones.
6-14-"	A silver armlet (বাহু)
1-8-"	—— do —— girdle (কটি বন্ধ).
4-8-"	—— do —— cup ——
1-14-"	—— do —— Goddarani (গড্ডারনি)
1-"-"	A golden Goolakoo (কুলকু)

Total 41-5-6.

5-9-1 Copper, brass and other metalic vessels articles &c.:——

2-10-"	Three large brass dishes (called থাল) weighing 10½ seers.
"-2-"	A small brass dish used for ghee weighing ½ seer.
"-14-6	A bell-metal cup (ঠাকুর ঘরের) weighing 9/16 ths of a seer.
"-4-"	A small bell-metal cup of 1 seer.
1-2-7	A brass candle-stick of 4 seers.
"-8-"	A other bell-metal cup.

Total 5-9-1

320-6-3 Grand total.

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List or estimate Shewing the particulars of the jewels, articles &c, proposed to be newly made for the use of the Narasimhaswami temple at Serangapatam —

Value		
10 – " – "	A golden Tali with two golden heads (ತಾಳಿ ಮತ್ತು ಕೊರಳು) for the use of the Godess.	
6 – 11 – 10	Copper jewels & articles (to be gilt after preparation).	
Value		
20 – " – 3	Jewels for the use of the main Godess.	
Value		
3 – 15 – "	A Kireeta (ಕಿರೀಟ) of 3 seers.	
" – 15 – 9	Koramb (ಕೊರಂಬು) of $\frac{3}{4}$ seer.	
1 – 10 – 3	Karnapattra (ಕರ್ಣಪತ್ರ) of $1\frac{1}{2}$ seers.	
" – 10 – 6	Kantabharana of $\frac{1}{2}$ seer.	
6 – 9 – "	A pair of Kamalahasta (ಕಮಲಹಸ್ತ) of 5 seers.	
" – 15 – 9	A girdle (ಒಡ್ಯಾಣ) of $\frac{3}{4}$ seer.	
2 – 10 – "	A pair of right and left hands of 2 seers.	
" – 10 – 6	Chelike (ಚೆಲಿಕೆ) and armlet heads (ತೋಳ್ಬಂದಿ ಮತ್ತು ಕೊರಳು) of $\frac{1}{2}$ seer.	
1 – 15 – 6	Vanthee (ವಂತಿ) and Tali of $\frac{1}{2}$ seer.	
Total 20 – " – 3.		
24 – 6 – 10	Jewels for the use of the procession big image (Godess): —	
" – 10 – 6	Right & left hands of $\frac{1}{2}$ seer.	
" – 15 – 9	A pair of Kamalahasta of $\frac{3}{4}$ seer	
" – 15 – 9	A Kireeta of $\frac{3}{4}$ seer.	

" — 5 —
" — 2 — 7
" — 5 — 3 A girdle (Doora)
" — 10 — 6 Banthee (Vala) and 3 of $\frac{1}{2}$ seer.

Total 4 — 6 — 10.

2 — 4 — 9 Jewels for the use of the procession small image (Godess):—
" — 5 — 3 Right & left hands of $\frac{1}{4}$ seer.
" — 10 — 6 A pair of Kamalahasta of $\frac{1}{2}$ seer.
" — 5 — 3 A Kireeta of $\frac{1}{4}$ seer.
" — 5 — 3 Koramba (Flower) and Kanta-bharana of $\frac{1}{4}$ seer.
" — 10 — 6 Karnapattra & Salvo (girdle) of $\frac{1}{2}$ seer.

Total 2 — 4 — 9.

Total 26 — 11 — 10 This amount is the estimated cost of copper plate (Ekala) and that of engraving & Cooli hire &c. required for the preparation of the above-said copper jewels and articles.

160 — " — " Cost for guilding the said copper jewels & articles with gold as specified below:—
135 — " — " Price for a leaf of gold of 6 tolas at 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ Rs. per tola.
25 — " — " Cost of Cooli wages for guilding the same at Rs. 1 — 4 — " per tola.

Total 160 — " — "

8 — " — " The cost required for preparing silver screws for the above-said two Banthees (Vala) and for repairing the other jewels of the procession male image (or God), that is, 17 jewels or articles in all.

" Cost for gilding these 17 jewels or articles with gold as specified below: ———

67 – 8 – " Three tolas of superior gold at 22½ Rs. per tola.

12 – 8 – " Cooli for gilding the same

1 – " – " Cooli for the work to be done by the man working in bell-metal.

Total 81 – " – "

285 – 11 – 10 Grand total.

Abstract

26 – 11 – 10 Cost of the copper and cooli for preparing the copper jewels &c. at 1 – 5 – " per Rs. seer.

202 – 8 – " Gold for gilding purposes.

9 – " – " Cost of a golden Salí.

8 – 8 – " Silver for wire &c.

39 – " – " Cooli for gilding with gold.

9 – 4 – 2 Contingency.

295 – " – " Total.

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Lists shewing the jewels
lost and proposed to
be newly made.

(General Serial No. 29.)

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From

The Dy Commissioner
Mysore Dist

To

The Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore.

Dated 30th October 1889.

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Enclosures No. file

General No. 541
No.

Sir

I am submitting herewith in original docket No. 540 dated 17th instant with its enclosed file of vernacular papers received from the Sub Division officers of Freelock soliciting early orders for making new jewels to the Varasamy at Seringapatam in place of those stolen from the temple in 1886, and have the honor to request that the papers may be obligingly returned with orders thereon.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
Dy Commissioner
Mysore

Comptd

Examine Jewels List & Estimate & give a list of Jewels prob. required & estimate

C. V. 21/12/89

Submitted.

Make the new jewels as proposed, as per Estimate for Rs 295 which is sanctioned

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Read

Docket No 541 dated 30th Octr/89 from the Dy Commr Mysore Dist soliciting orders for making new jewels for the use of the Narasimhaswami temple at a cost of Rs. 295/ at Serangapatam in lieu of those stolen from the temple in 1886.

Encl

W 7442-3 of 26-12-89
471

Re proposal as to making new jewels for the Narasimha Swami Temple at Srirangapatna is sanctioned

Order thereon the proposal to sanction the making of the new jewels should be made as proposed as per estimate for Rs. 295/ submitted which is sanctioned.

Ag Under Secy

To The Dy Commr Mysore Dist returning the enclosures

Comptroller

Drafted on Dewan Bahadur's orders.

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From The Comr of Mysore

To The Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore

Dated 11th

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Enclosures No.

General No. 3489

No.

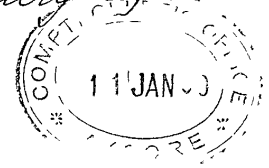
Requiring the source from which the cost of the Jewels sanctioned for the Narainsam Temple at Seringapatam is to be met

Mysore 15-1-90 AR

No. 3489

OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF MYSORE,

Bangalore, 11th January 1890.



From

A. RANGASWAMI IYENGAR, ESQ.,

Comptroller of Mysore.

To

The Chief Secretary
to the Government of
Mysore

SIR,

With reference to the Proceedings of the Government of Mysore No. 7442-3/471 dated 24th December 1889 sanctioning the making up of new jewels for the Haraiswamy temple at Seringapatam, at a cost of Rupees 295/, I have the honor to request the favor of being informed of the source from which the amount is to be met.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
A. Rangaswami I.
Comptroller

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From

To
The Comptroller
& Dy Comptroller

Dated 17 January 1890.

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Enclosures No.

General No. 7890-1
No. 513

Directing that the cost of making up new Jewels for the Narasimhaswami temple at Srirangapatna should be met from the amount received from the Servants of the Institution

(General Serial No. 32.)

1890

No. 2513

Name of Petitioner. Venkatnaranner, Cook of Lakshmi Janakaswamis te

Village. Seringapatam

Taluk. Do

District. Mysore

Date of Arzi. 18- } 2-90

Date of Receipt. 20 }

Date of Disposal.

No. of Enclosures. a —

ABSTRACT.

Prays for early disposa of his appeal to the Govt dated 17th June 1887, in reply to which he gotver orders that the Dewan would dispose of the ma after a personal engu at Seringapatam.

The value of the jewe of the temple which were stolen was recovered from the temple servan by order of the D. R Subo officer as recommend by the Asst. & the amoun held in deposit from the Sub Dn officer ha

Reference Submitted. Vide Dewan Bahadur's order on the Petr's appeal on 27/6/87 —

AGP

Subd to the Dewan

Ftto 12/3

Send for the decree &c Enquiries held & Guilt & his orders. Together with all Connected papers & the presented Petn

20/3/90 AGP

Ftto 27/3

issued orders for the
making up of the required
jewels from the amount
in deposit—

Prays that such a
proceeding be stopped,
until the final disposal
of the Pet'rs appeal—

(Serial No. 31.)

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From

To

The Dy. Commissioner
Mysore Dt

Dated 20th } March
Despatched 31st } April/90

Received

Enclosures No.

General No.
Jud. No. 6.

Has the honor to request the submission of the record of enquiry held by the Amildar in the case of the jewels stolen from the Narasimhaswamy temple at Seringapatam & his order, together with all connected papers and the prescribed Stamp, Petition No. is herewith sent for refera-

By order
of
Dy. Commissioner
Mysore Dt.

5138/18-2-90 person Venkatanarainaiengar book of Lakshmmasimha-swami temple.

EW No 330

From

To

The Chief Secretary to the ~~Govt~~ Govt of Mysore.

Dated
Despatched 12th June
Received

Enclosures No.

General No. 294
No.

Chief Secretary's reminders noted in the margin received today (11th instant) requesting early replies to the reference therein mentioned.

Have the honour to state as follows —

Reminders Petitions nos 2823 and 2835 of Muddegowda Maria and others of Jattanhalli Nagamangala Taluk. This has been replied to vide no 1694 dated 21/6/90

Do no 2. Petition no 1876 of Shamboge Subbarayappa Talankere village, Nagamangala Taluk. This has been replied to vide no 915 dated 1-5-90.

no 1	1979	145
2	1980	146
3	1981	147
4	1977	143
5	1978	144

dated June 1890

16-6-90

Reminder no 3. 3. Petition no 2652 of Veerabad ra Shetty of Jarver village Manjan gud — Taluk - Report is due from the 3d General Assistant Commissioner to reference on the subject sent on 3-5-90 - Reminder sent on 10-5-90 and 10-6-90 - Reply not yet received The undersigned has directed the General Assistant Commissioner to fine the official who has caused the delay Rs 5, or re- - duction as the case may be, and to send the report within 3 days.

Do no 4. Petition no 2513 about the Jewels stolen from the Narsimhaswami temple at Srirangapatana - This has been sent to the Sub division officer French Rocks, on 9-4-90 - Reminder sent on 10-5-90 - Reply not received - A 2d reminder has been sent this day

Do no 5. Petition no 2629 dated 8-4-90 from Kale Gowda and others of Kallinalumudi and other villages of Channarajnagar Taluk, sent to Amildar on 12-4-90 - Reply is not yet received - A remind

From

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER MYSORE DIST

To

The Chief Secretary to the ~~Deccan~~ Government of Mysore.

Dated 26th June 1890

Despatched 27th

Received

Enclosures No. one & one recon

General No. 385

No.

This docket No 6 dated 26th April 1890, and subsequent reminder No 1977/143 dated 6th instant, requesting the submission of the records &c regarding the jewels stolen from the Narasimhaswamy Temple at Seringapatam

I have the honor to submit the records together with an English Precis, received with the Sub-Division Officer's docket No 242 dated 16th instant and to state that the petition received with the above docket will be submitted on receipt

A 7-7-90

131 4-7-90

from the Sub Division Office
French Rocks, to whom it
had been forwarded.—

J. McMurphy

Deputy Commissioner
Dupont & C

(General Serial . 30.)

1896.

From

To The Dy Commissioner
Mysore Dist.

Dated 16

Despatched 16 July/90

Received

Enclosures No.

General No. 3516/
No. 157

Ref No. 385 of the 26th ultimo forwarding the records connected with the jewels stolen from the Narayanaswami temple at Srirangapatam.

With reference to the above has the honor to request that the following records may be forwarded to this office.—

(1) Appeal petition

No 2513 dated 18th Feby/90 from Venkatanarainengar Cook of the temple forwarded to him with this office No 6 dated 3rd April/90.

(2) Copy of French Rocks Sub Division Officer's Docket No 3770 dated 17th Octr/89.

By Order

Under Secy.

C.V.

The Deputy Commissioner
Mysore District

To

The Chief Secretary to the ~~Durbar~~ Govt
of Mysore.

Dated 25th July
Despatched
Received

Enclosures No. Two

General No. 577
No.

Ref. Spl. Office No: 7346 dated 4/13.9.90

Ref No 3549/157 dated 16th instant, requesting to submit the papers noted therein in connection with the Jewels stolen from the Narainswami temple at Seringapatam.

With reference to the above has the honor to submit the following papers, as desired:-

1. Appeal petition No 2573 of 18-2 from Venkatanarsingar, Coo. received with Chief Secretary No 6 dated 3rd April 1890.
2. Copy of French Rocks Sub. Officer's docket No 570 of 17-10

Yours &c
Dy Commissioner
Mysore Dist

Vakeel
as
1/8/90

131
8.8.90

1889

From,

The Sub Division Officer
French Rocks

To,

The Deputy Commissioner
Mysore District

Dated 17th October 1889.

No 570

In submitting herewith a file of vernacular proceedings bearing on the subject of a theft, committed on the 1st July 1886, in the temple of Sri Narasimhaswamy at Sringapatam, I do the honor to submit that the Amildar, who held a departmental enquiry into the case, made the servants of the temple answerable for the value of the stolen articles, aggregating Rs 320-6-3 on the authority of the late Chief Commissioner's Order No $\frac{1234}{37}$ of the 28th June 1866 to the address of the late Ashtagram Division Superintendent, and took steps to recover the amount from them. Some of the temple servants thereupon appealed to the then Sub Division Officer, Mr. Venkatavardiengar, who rejected the appeal on the ground that the order of the Amildar was based upon good authority. The

full

full Value of the stolen articles was recovered proportionately from the Temple servants as particularized in the margin. Subsequently a majority of the Temple servants prayed that the lost Jewels might be replaced by new ones made from the money which had been levied from them. On the ipon of an order from this office for the making of the new Jewels, one Venkata-narmengar (a Cook attached to the Temple) and a few others appealed to the Dewan and the Chief Secretary, in Rukum No 6 dated 23d June 1887, directed the Amildar to draw the attention of the Dewan to the subject on the Dewan's next visit to Seringapatna, when it was stated, the matter would be heard and disposed of. The Amildar states that the Dewan paid a visit to Seringapatam subsequent to the date of the Rookoom above referred to, but the matter was not placed before him as it was thought he could not conveniently hear it

4. Yajamanika J
5. Manaya Rambh
6. Manada A Singriengar —
7. Archak Kesava Batta — 3
8. Parcharak Narsimaphar — 37-
9 — do — Srinivasiengar — 22-
10 Shanik Krishnamachar — 5-4
11. Sahasranamada Anna-oamy Tirumaliengar — 26-12
12. Nitya Chelume Sreenevas Iyengar - 2-10
13 Tulasi Rangachar — 5-4
14 Adagi Venkat Narsiengar — 14-4-
15. Kaval Honna — 7-13-
16 — do — Seetaramma — 7-13-
17 — do — Jogi — 17-3½
18 - Mori Kutcha — 20-13-

Total Rs - 320-6-

has remained in abeyance and their want is greatly felt. As the matter has been pending disposal for a long time past, undersigned begs that the Deputy Commissioner will be so good as to obtain the early orders of the Dewan in the matter.

(Signed) B. Srinivacharya
Sub Division Officer
French Rocks

Copy

Krishnarajpet
Deputy Commissioner
Mysore District

No. 2513

Dated 25/11/82

To

The Executive Engineer,
Electrical Division,
Kothagudem.

Sir,

Sub: Estimate for the work of providing 3 Phase Supply to Sri Kotaiah, Agriculture, Ramannapeta village, Yellandu Mandal - Sanction - Accorded - Reg.

Ref: Your Lr. No. 2513 dt. 20.11.82

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Sanction is hereby accorded for the estimate for the work of providing 3 Phase Supply to Sri Kotaiah, Agriculture, Ramannapeta village, Yellandu Mandal for an amount of Rs. 1,500/- (Rupees One thousand five hundred only) as per the estimate submitted with your letter cited.

The work may be executed as per the estimate and the expenditure may be debited to the head of account.

Yours faithfully,

Superintending Engineer,
Yellandu.

[illegible]

From

To The D.C. Mysore.

Dated 13 September 1890

Despatched 25

Received

Enclosures No.

General No. 7346 /9

No 432

Rejecting the appeal from Venkata
Narasimhajar (Cook) and two
other servants of the Narasimha-
swami Temple at Seringapatam
and declining to interfere with
the order, passed by the Asst. D
Officer, holding all the temple
servants responsible for the los
of the jewels from the said
temple; and sanctg that
new jewels be made to replace
the missing ones, from the
amount recovered from the
servants of the Institution, a
a cost of Rs. 295/=

No 1

The Secretary to the Commissioners
for the Government of the Territories
of His Highness the Rajah
of Sarawak.

Labuan

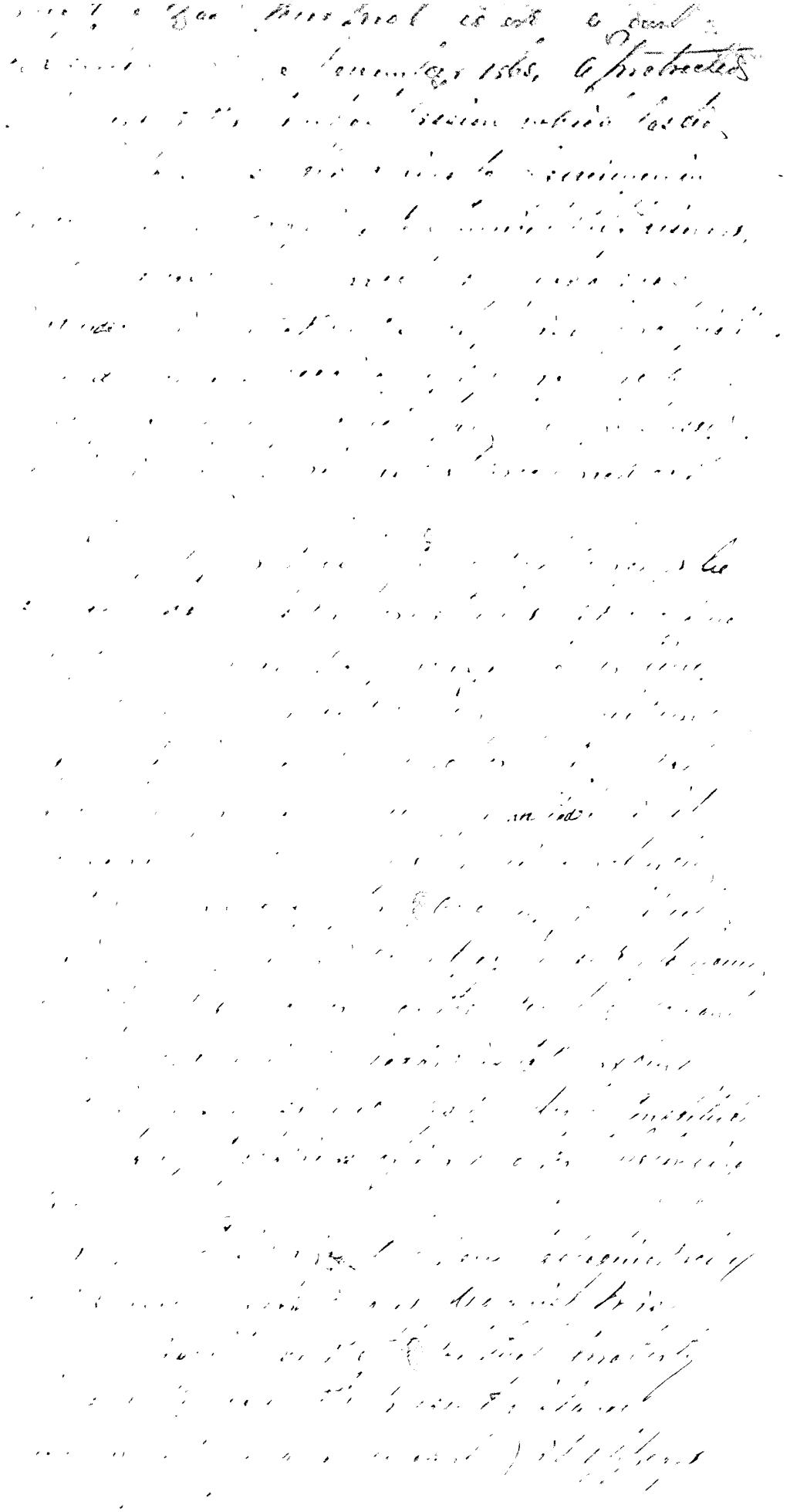
Colonial Secretary's Office 18th June 1866.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the
receipt of the Journal Memorandum Book of the 31st
ultimo, enclosing for report a Petition from
certain servants of the late Temenggong Abdu-
-ul Rahman praying for the restoration to them
of the deposits made by them in the Treasury of
Sarawak previous to the late Temenggong's death
and to forward herewith for the information of the
Commissioner, Copies of the Correspondence which
in the Margin which has passed between
this Office and the Secretary Superintendent
of Police on the subject.

2. I will be seen from the Letter
that in the month of April 1864 certain
the property of Temenggong Abdu-ul Rahman
of Sarawak 1868-7 - was missed from the
Room in which it was ordinarily kept,
under circumstances indicating that it had
been stolen. Some of the servants of the family
and their Associates were suspected of
having perpetrated the offence, and three
of them were, at length arrested and

Committed



To The Offg. Supt. of the
Alipore Division
dated 28th June
Despatched —
Received

Enclosures No.

General No. 1234
Sub No. 37
1866-67.

In reply to his No. 680/16
of 18th inst. conveys
approval of the orders
issued in the case of
the servants of the
Kunjeswara Seetharamaya Temple.

By Order
The Foreign Dept.

No. 4404-28-6-66.

No 1234 } 1866/67.
Secl No 37 }

To The

Superintendent of the
Coldstream Division

Sir

With reference to your
No 680/16 of the 18th Instant, in the
case noted in the margin, I
have the honor by desire of the
Commr to inform you that the
orders issued by you, holding
the Temple servants responsible for the theft ~~appears to~~ have not
~~disapproved~~

I have &c

for Secretary

The servants of the Sunjiyoda
Seethurmaswamy's Temple, re-
garding the recovery of the value
of the stolen Jewels belonging to the
Temple.

D 27/6/66

Ast

Late Chief Commr's
order No. 1234/37 dated
28th June 1866 directing
that the value of the jewels
lost in 1865 in the temple
of Sreekanteswara
Swami at Nanjengud
should be recovered
from the servants of the
temple according to the
extent of their responsi-
bility.

— Do — Pro: No. 682/66
dated 28th May/79 ordering
that the prevailing prac-
tice of holding all the
temple servants account-
able for the property
lost in temples should
be adhered to and that
the value of the property
stolen in the temple of
Agasteswara Swami
at Tirumakudlu, Sir:
Narsipur Taluk, should
be recovered proportionate-
ly from all the servants
of that temple.

30th Octr./89 from the
Dy Commr, Mysore Dist.
reporting that a sum of
Rs. 320-6-3, being the
value of the jewels
stolen in the temple of
Narasimhaswami at
Serangapatam has been
recovered proportionate-
ly from the servants of
the temple and soliciting
orders to make new
jewels at a cost of
Rs. 295/ out of the amount
recovered from the
servants of the Institu-
tion.

Dewan's Pro: No.
7442-3/471 dated 26th
Decr./89 according
sanction to the same.

Appeal Petition Nos 609
and 2513 dated June
1887 and 18th Feby/89
from Venkatanarainiyar
(CvoSz) and two other
servants of the said
Narasimhaswami
temple, praying that

recovered from the payment of the proportionate value of the jewels stolen in the temple.

Docket Nos. 385 and 517 dated 26th June and 25th July 1890 from the Dy Commr, Mysore Dist, forwarding the proceedings connected with the case of theft of jewels in the aforesaid Narasimhaswami temple.

No 7346/432 dt 13-9-90 Order thereon —

The records show that the value of the jewels &c. stolen in 1886 in the temple of Narasimha Swami at Srirangapatam was recovered by the Amildar proportionate - ly from all the servants of the temple according to the extent of their responsibility under the authority of the orders issued by the late Chief

ments in Serious
Cases of theft, that the
same example was
followed in the case of
theft of jewels in the
temple of Ranganatha
Swami at Srirangapatam
in 1879, that the decision
of the Amildar was
confirmed by the Sub
Division officer, French
Rocks, on the ground
that the same had been
based on good authority
and that the late Chief
Commrs orders quoted
by the Amildar are of
more recent dates than
the one (viz, order No. 14
dated 8th July 1852) re-
ferred to by the appellants.

2. Under such
circumstances, the
Offg. Dewan declines
to interfere with the
order passed by the
Sub Division officer
holding all the temple

~~Sic~~ of the jewels. The theft could not have been committed without the knowledge or connivance of all the temple servants.

3. The appeals are rejected. The jewels will be made as already ordered and the charge of Rs. 295/- met out of the amount already recovered from the servants.

C.V. Chief Secretary

To The Dy Commrs Mysore
" " Dists returning the proceedings.
" Dy Commrs of other Dists for information and guidance.
" Peta Despatch for endorsement
" Manager Despatch for note
drafted on offg Dewan's orders
C.V.

of 609
2513

Endorsement.

In reply to his Petition dated June 1887 and 18th Feb 1890 petitioner Venkatnarasimmayar Cook & two other servants of the Lakshmi Devi as in Narasimmy Temple, Srirangapatana

are informed that the officiating Dewan declines to interfere in the order passed by the Sub Division officer holding all the temple servants responsible for the loss of the jewels. The theft could not have been committed without the knowledge or connivance of all the temple servants.

The appeals are rejected and the enclosures are returned.

Draft
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MYSORE DEWAN'S OFFICE,
PETITION DEPARTMENT,
13th Septr 1890.
Despd. 25th do

By Order,

Chief Secretary

Memo.

Dwindag the last decade, no less than four thefts occurred in the Agasteswara temple at Tirma Kodlu, in the Talkad Taluk of the Mysore District. The dates of these occurrences and the value of the property stolen on each occasion are given below:—

	Date	Value Rs. a s P
I.	5th June 1870	916. 1. 10
II.	7th June 1872	72. 4. 3
III.	19th August 1875.	611. 12. 11
IV	26th March 78.	16. 8. 5.

2. The aggregate value of property made away with in 1870 & 1872 amounts to Rs. 988. 6. 1. The perpetrators of the 1st theft were not at all traced. Some of the men suspected to have had a hand in the 2d theft were apprehended with property amounting to Rupees 52/6/10, and committed to take their trial before the 1st Class Magistrate of the Nanjangode Sub Division, who, however, acquitted them

the Whole of the sum of Rs. 988.6.10, the value of the articles stolen on the 1st and 2d. occasions. Eventually, on the parties objecting to pay their quota as required, sanction was obtained to the attachment of their property both moveable and immoveable, and in accordance with this sanction, the Amildar attached immoveable property estimated at Rs 818.5.0 and moveables valued at Rs 31.11.9, in all Rs 850.0.9, and requested the Dy. Commr's sanction to the same being sold by public auction. As to the balance of the stolen property amounting to Rs 138.5.11, the Amildar reported that, with the Exception of Rupees 14.3.9 the Parpattagar's quota, it was irrecoverable, as the whereabouts of the men from whom it was recoverable could not be ascertained. (The Parpattigar who is now

Employed as Sheristdar
in the Goondal Taluk, has,
it would appear, promised
to pay his quota by monthly
instalments of Rs 5 each, X
the Dy Coun. accordingly
solicited the Commrs sanction
to the sale of the attached
property, both the latter ~~of~~ ~~which~~ suggested a reference
being made to the Chief
Commr: Duffur Deptt. direct,
in accordance with this
Govt Order No 6574/627 of the
5th Octr 76. The Dy. Comm
did so, but the papers were
returned for resubmission
thro' the Comm as the matter
involved was an important
one the Commr in turn submits X with No 738/223 of
the papers with the remark 20th January 79
that "under the practice
hitherto observed, the
value of any jewels
or ornaments stolen or
lost in the temples receiving
allowances from, and
subject to the control &
supervision of the Muzrai
Department, has ordinarily

been considered as recoverable from the temple servants. Where the property lost or stolen was under the exclusive charge of the Urchaks or worshippers and the offender was not traced, its value was recovered from them, ~~bodies~~ foreseen 7/6 who were held responsible for the property, while in cases in which the loss was attributed to the negligence or connivance of the temple servants generally, its value was recovered proportionately from the pay and property of all the temple servants, including Paupattigars, Shanboque, &c., according to their individual responsibility. This seems to have been the practice in almost all large and important temples in this Division which possess considerable jewels & ornaments.

× × × Although it is
not possible to state now
when this practice was
first adopted and on
what authority, there is
no doubt that fraud on
the part of the temple servants
is to some extent checked."

3. The third theft took
place as above stated on
the night of the Saturday,
the 19th August 1875, the
value of the property stolen
being Rs 611. 12-11. The
circumstances connected
with this occurrence were
so patent that it left
no doubt on the minds
of the authorities as to who
the perpetrators could
have been. The lock
that was put ~~on the door~~ on the
~~before the theft~~ on the
door of the room in which
the property was deposited,
had not been meddled
with, no doors had been
broken open, and no hole
made in any of the walls,
to leave any room for

that any one
-siders had committed
the theft. The Munshi
who was deputed by the
Munsif Officer to make
an enquiry into the
matter on the spot, found
that the marginally
noted 7 persons were pri-
-marily responsible for
the theft and that it
could not have been
committed without
their connivance. The
Moonsif Off, in submitting
these papers to the Dy
Comm^r, recommended
the dismissal of the
first 6 persons named
above, their heirs being
prohibited from succeed-
-ing them, and the
degradation of the
Parpattegar, and the
Comm^r, concurring with
the Munsif Officer, sanction-
-ed the removal of
the 6 persons as recommend-
-ed. As to the Parpattegar,
Col: Hay observed that
it ~~would be~~ was inadvisable
to degrade him without

X
1 Archak Somiah
2. Shanbogue Subbiah
3. do. Lukshmu Narsiah
4. Follur Sinigi
5. Mashalchi Mada
6. Stanika Krishnavadhani
7. Parpattegar

making him
for the value of the stolen
property, and accordingly
directed the recovery
of the value from him
and the 6 persons above
referred to. The other servants
of the temple were also,
made responsible for
the payment of any
amount that may
remain unsatisfied
by these 7 persons.

4. The 4th and last
theft took place on the
26th March 78 when property
valued at Rs 16.8.5.
was stolen. Two of the
servants of the temple
in whose houses some
of the stolen articles were
found, were convicted
of the offence and sentenced
to 2 years' rigorous im-
-prisonment each.

5. No steps appear to
have as yet been taken
~~accused~~ for the recovery
of the value of the property

stolen on the 3d & 4th occasions. On this point the Comr. remarks that the Dy. Commr of Mysore has been called upon to furnish a detailed statement shewing the amount payable by each temple servant in connection with these thefts.

6. There are two appeals against the order of dismissal referred to in para 5 above, pending disposal in this office — One of them is from Archak Somiah, who alleges that he was not on duty in the Temple on the night of the theft, and that he had not attended for 10 days before that, having been on leave from the 9th to the 20th of August '25, on account of "Vridhi". As regards this allegation, it is observed from Petr's own "Kyfeeath" that the

the Vridhi ... ed ...
the 19th ... t, the day
on which the 3d theft took
place. It is not however
clear from the papers
whether Petr was or was
not on duty on that night,
but from the statement
of Anchak Aswathiah,
it appears that Petr's brother
Chandrasekhara attended
the temple on the night
in question, apparently
for his brother.

7. The other Petr Shanbague
Lakshmi Narsiah appeals
on the ground that he was
not at all present at
Tirmakódlu on the day
of the theft and for some
days previously, having
been detained at Nandipur,
the Taluk Head Qrs, for the
purpose of arranging the
temple records, and that
he is not responsible
for the theft as it was not
his turn to sleep and
watch in the temple
on the night of the theft.

how that

engaged Jalukbeher, & produces copies of two reports by the ~~Dooag~~ the Munsif &c., certifying to the fact. What orders were passed by the Munsif &c. on these reports cannot be traced from the records now submitted.

8. The points for consideration are these :-

(1) Are there sufficient Grounds for interfering with the order of dismissal complained of

(2) Whether the sale of the attached property maybe sanctioned?

9. As to the 1st point, the Moonsif Officer was, after local enquiry, satisfied that the theft of 1875 could not have occurred without the connivance of Petitioners and others referred to in para 3 above. The frequency of thefts in

this ten warrants, I think, the summary dismissal of the suspected parties.

10 As regards the 2d. point, the practice of recovering the value of stolen property rateably from all the servants of the temple being recognized, the Govt may proceed to attach and sell the property referred to in para 2 above.

11 The Dy Comm^r may be asked to report what measures have been taken for the recovery of the value of the property stolen on the 3d. and 4th occasions, from the servants of the temple.

12. This temple has lately been provided with 2 Iron-safes, and it is to be hoped that the jewels &c^a will, in future, be carefully secured to prevent the recurrence of thefts

C.P. Thomas

Letter from the Commr.
of Ashtagram Dr., No. 738/223
of the 20th January 79, sub-
mitting report in the cases
of theft of property belonging
to the Agasteswara temple
in the Yalkad Taluk.

Read also the Canarese
proceedings connected
with the case -
Petns Nos. 595, 629, 889, & 6 from
Aganick Somiah & Petn No 3209
from Shanbogue Lakshmi
Narasiah complaining of
their dismissal by the Comr.
in connection with the thefts
above referred to.

Order thereon.-

The facts of the case are briefly
as follows:—

Within the last 10 years
no less than four thefts ap-
pear to have occurred in the
Agasteswara Temple at Sri-
rangapatna in the Yalkad
Taluk of the Mysore Dis-
trict. The dates of these oc-
currences, and the value of
the property stolen on each
occasion, are given below:-

	Date	Value Rs	a	p
I.	5th June 1870	916	1	10
II.	7th Nov 1872	72	4	3
III.	19th August 1875	611	12	11
IV.	26th March 1878	16	8	5.

2. The aggregate value of

property made away with in 1870 and 1872. Amounts to Rupees 988-6-1. The perpetrators of the 1st theft were not at all traced. Some of the men suspected to have had a hand in the 2nd theft were apprehended, with property, amounting to Rupees 52-6-10, and committed to take their trial before the 1st Class Magistrate of the Nanjangud Sub-Division, who, however, acquitted them for want of evidence, and returned the property to the Amildar to be made over to the Temple. The circumstances connected with these two thefts having been reported to the Commr. Asktagram Division, Major Elliot directed that the value of the stolen property should be recovered rateably from all the Temple servants, as was done in similar cases in the Nanjangud and other Temples. A list was accordingly drawn up by the Amildar shewing the amount recoverable from each of the 48 servants of the Temple.

Yours.

sanction was made on ac-
-count of the 52 and odd
Rupees' worth of property which was dis-
-covered in connection with
the 2nd theft, and which was
returned to the temple from
the 1st Class Magistrate's Court.
On the other hand, the list
was made out for the whole
of the sum of Rupees 988-6-10,
the value of the articles
stolen on the 1st and 2nd oc-
-casions. Eventually, on
the parties objecting to pay
their quota as required,
sanction was obtained to
the attachment of their
property, both moveable and
immoveable, and in accor-
-dance with this sanction,
the Amildar attached im-
-moveable property estimated
at Rupees 818-5-- and move-
-ables valued at Rs 31-11-9,
in all Rupees 850--9, and
requested the Deputy Commr's
sanction to the same being
sold by public auction. As
to the balance of the stolen
property, amounting to
Rs

Rupees 138-5-4, the Amil=
=dar reported that, with the
exception of Rupees 44-3-9
the Carpattegar's quota, it
was irrecoverable, as the
whereabouts of the men from
whom it was recoverable
could not be ascertained.
The Carpattigar who is now
employed as Shaikdar in
the Sirdal Saluke, has, it
would appear, promised to
pay his quota by monthly
instalments of Rupees 3 each.
The Deputy Commissioner
accordingly solicited the
Commissioner's sanction to
the sale of the attached pro=
=perty, but the latter Officer
suggested a reference being
made to the Chief Commrs
Dufter Department, direct,
in accordance with this
Office Order No. 6574/627 of the
5th October 1876. The Deputy
Commissioner, did so, but
~~the proposed~~, but the papers
were returned for resubmis=
=sion thro' the Commissioner
, as the matter involved was
an important one. The
Commissioner now submits,

nearly 1879, the papers with the remark that "under the practice hitherto observed, the value of any Jewels or Ornaments stolen or lost in the temples receiving allowances from, and subject to the Control and supervision of the Ellegrai Department, has ordinarily been considered as recoverable from the temple Servants. Where the property lost or stolen was under the exclusive charge of the Urchaks or Worshippers and the offender was not traced, its value was recovered from them, - they being held responsible for the property; while in Cases in which the loss was attributed to the negligence or connivance of the temple servants generally, its value was recovered proportionately from the pay and property of all the temple servants, including Parpattiyars, Shanbhogs, &c., according to their individual responsibility.

This seems to have been practice in almost all large and important temples in this Division which pos-sess considerable Jewels and Ornaments — x x x.

Although it is not possible to state now when this practice was first adopted and on what authority, there is no doubt that fraud on the part of the temple servants is to some extent checked."

3. The third theft took place, as above stated on the night of Saturday, the 19th August 1875, the value of the property stolen being Rupees 611-12-11. The circum-stances connected with this occurrence were so patent that it left no doubt on the minds of the Authori-ties as to who the perpe-trators, could have been. The lock that was put on the door of the room in which the property was deposited, had not been meddled with; no doors had been broken open; and

no hole made in any of the walls to leave any room for suspecting that any outsiders had committed the theft. The Ellumlai who was deputed by the Ellugrai Officer to make an enquiry into the matter on the spot, found that the marginally noted 7 persons were primarily responsible for the theft and that it could not have been committed without their connivance. The Mugrai Officer, in submitting these papers to the Deputy Commissioner, recommended the dismissal of the first 6 persons named above, their heirs being prohibited from succeeding them, and the degradation of the Parpattiyar, and the Commissioner, concurring with the Ellugrai Officer, sanctioned the removal of the 6 persons as recommended. As to the Parpattiyar, Colonel Hay observed that it was inadvisable to degrade him without making

Archak Somiah,
Shanbhog Subbiah,
— son — Lakshmi Narsiah
Pollur Singri
Mashalchi Mada
Stanika Krishnavadhani
Parpattiyar.

making him responsible for the value of the stolen property, and accordingly directed the recovery of the value from him, and the six persons above referred to. The other servants of the Temple were also made responsible for the payment of any amount that may remain unsatisfied by these 7 persons.

4. The 4th and last theft took place on the 26th March 1868 when property valued at 6 rupees 16-8-5 was stolen. Two of the servants of the Temple in whose houses some of the stolen articles were found, were convicted of the offence and sentenced to two years' rigorous imprisonment each.

5. The Commissioner remarks that the Deputy Commissioner of Mysore has been called upon to furnish a detailed statement showing the amount payable by each temple servant in connection with the last two thefts.

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=siah appeal against the
order of their dismissal plead-
=ing that they were absent
from the Temple on the
occasion of the 3rd theft
in connection with which
they were dismissed.

7. The Chief Commr
observes that though
the prevailing practice
of holding all the temple
servants accountable
for the property lost
should be adhered to,
and their appointments
and the emoluments
attached to them should
be made available
for the same, he is
not clear as to the
legality of summarily
attacking and selling
their private property
in satisfaction of the
loss. Their private
property can only be
proceeded against
by a civil action.
which must be based
on definite agreements
existing with the parties

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* by legal process.
Not the Govt's case
or Criminal —

concerned, making them liable for the loss, or by the Criminal Courts in connection with criminal prosecutions against them~~xxxxxx~~. In the case under notice therefore, the parties concerned may be required to make good the lost property at once or by reasonable instalments, and in the event of their declining to do so, they may be dismissed from the temple service, and other qualified individuals of the family or others who may undertake the liability may be appointed; or the emoluments of their offices may be made wholly or partially available for the purpose. Absence from the temple on the day of the theft

will be no ~~good cause~~ for the exemption, but the apportionment of the liability should be made fairly upon some recognized rule.

8. The deputation of the Mugrai Munshi to enquire into the matter was highly objectionable as interfering with the due responsibility of the Amildar for the proper management of these institutions.

9. The ~~whole of~~ the proceedings in this case indicate a want of proper arrangement in regard to temple management. Separate instructions will be issued on this subject hereafter.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient
humble servant
Rev. Secretary

To The Commr. Ashta Desa
with the Taluq. pros. in the case, &
with a request that the Petrs. Somiah and

Lakshmi Narsiah may be informed of the purport of these orders by endorsement.

The Commr

2nd line of para 7 to the Commrs of these Ors for information & guidance.

Dy desp 28th May 1879

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⊗ Naudydroog No 684 / 68

Nagar No 685 / 69

Passing orders in the case of theft of property belonging to the Agasteswara Temple in the Tulkad Taluk

No 684 / 68 to Naudy Commr forwdg copy of the Ord from paras 7 to 9.

No 685 / 69 to Nagar Commr forwdg — do — do